

Cotton	24c
Milo Maze, ton	\$62.50
Fetereta, ton	\$62.50
Alfalfa hay, ton	\$15.00
Barley, ton	\$42.00
Wheat, ton	\$55.00

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Cattle	6c to 10c
Hogs	8c to 12c
Lambs	12c
Turkeys	24c
Chicks	15c
Eggs	38c

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BELLE FOURCHE IRRIGATION PROJECT DISMISSES ITS SUIT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

At about the same time the Yuma project was being investigated by its celebrated "board of cost review" the same process was being conducted on the Belle Fourche project up in South Dakota, presided over by an old Yuma citizen, Project Manager B. E. Hayden. Things were unsatisfactory up there just as they were down here. The board of cost review made its report, just as it did here. The result was just as it is threatened to be here—a law suit was begun against the government very promptly. It has been pending ever since.

Now comes the information, as verified by the appended letter from Project Manager Hayden to the Department at Washington, saying the suit HAS BEEN DISMISSED, because finally the attorneys for the Water Users Association determined that NOTHING COULD BE GAINED. The letter should be read with much interest by all Yuma Valley farmers, for the questions involved at Belle Fourche were just about on a par with the questions that are raised here on the Yuma Valley suit. Here is the copy of the letter sent to Washington, and which will be laid before the local Water Users' Association by Project Manager Schlecht Saturday of this week. Read it carefully:

Newell, S. D., June 23, 1917.

Project Manager, Newell, S. D.

Director and Chief Engineer, Washington, D. C.

Dismissal of lawsuit between Belle Fourche Valley Water Users' Association of the Belle Fourche Project and the U. S. Reclamation Service.

1. I am pleased to report that the Executive Board of the Belle Fourche Valley Water Users' Association, at a special meeting on June 22, adopted a resolution providing for the dismissal of their suit against the Reclamation Service. Undoubtedly there will be less disposition on the part of Water users to avoid the payment of charges in the future than in the past, as their attorney has heretofore been able to convince them that they were protected by the existence of litigation.

2. At the proper time, recommendation will be made specifying a limiting date within which contracts covering the extension of time for payments of repair work to the Belle Fourche dam may be made.

3. It is thought that the action of the Water Users' Board on this project in dismissing their suit before it had come to trial might, if known to them, cause the Board of Governors of the Yuma project to reconsider its recent action in authorizing legal proceedings on that project.

B. E. HAYDEN.

YUMA VALLEY, GARDEN SPOT OF THE WORLD, NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD AS NOW.

If there is any one particular spot in the entire state of Arizona that can justly be called "the garden spot of the world" Yuma Valley can well claim that distinction, for it is doubtful if any other section of the entire United States can compare with Yuma Valley at the present time. It is simply a dream, from the standpoint of the farmer, gardener and stock-raiser. A trip over the "Warrenite" good road from Yuma to Somerton, and thence down through the Gadsden country to the Mexican line will convince the most skeptical that Yuma Valley has no peer.

Thousands upon thousands of acres of cotton, much of which is over three feet high, alfalfa the like of which was never before seen anywhere in the world, milo maize and fetereta that will produce from two to three tons of corn and ten to twelve tons of forage per acre, and everything else in proportion, at once gives Yuma Valley a reputation for productivity that can not be compared with any other farming section of the United States. Cattle, horses, mules, sheep, hogs and poultry are rolling fat and all are bringing prices never before reached in this section. The farmer is indeed "in clover", for with "war prices" prevailing for everything he raises or grows he is making more than ever before.

What matters it to the farmer if his "water right" did cost him \$75 per acre—double what he expected—when he gets enough in one year to pay all these charges and then have money in the bank? What other country on the face of the earth can grow as much per acre as is grown down in Yuma Valley? Where will you find cotton land anywhere else that will produce upwards of two bales per acre? In what other part of the country can you find alfalfa land that will give you ten cuttings of a ton each acre per year? Where else in all the world can you find alfalfa that will give you almost a ton of seed per acre in addition to three cuttings of hay per year? On what other part of

THE BIG HE HIGHBINDER GOT IT IN THE NECK ONCE AGAIN AT THE HANDS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

This article is being written Tuesday night, just after the city council has once again shown that it was not owned body and soul by the big HE highbinder of Los Angeles. And, therefore, I write the item with more than ordinary pleasure, and only regret that space will not permit me to say all that I would like the people to know.

When the council met it was confronted with a "referendum" petition, signed by ninety people, 77 of whom were legal voters, praying and DEMANDING that the council submit to a referendum vote the Sanguinetti-Ewing franchise ordinance, which is already on the ballot as a "referendum" measure. This remarkable petition had been gotten up on the orders of the big HE highbinder of Los Angeles. It was the most audacious piece of trickery ever attempted upon a free people. The idea of forcing people to say by their votes whether or not they wanted to vote on a certain measure that had already been legally and regularly referred to them by the council is the most asinine piece of business ever before attempted in this or any other country. City Attorney Molloy put his stamp of disapproval on it as soon as he read the "referendum" petition, declaring that the whole thing was illegal, unconstitutional, and in direct violation of the letter and spirit of the law. But to make doubly sure that the petition signed by 77 legal voters should not stand as the voice of the people, the friends of the Sanguinetti-Ewing franchise got busy late Tuesday afternoon and within two hours secured the names of ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN legal voters, protesting against the proposed outrage to be perpetrated by the big HE highbinder of Los Angeles. The council lost no time in taking the two petitions under advisement. They went at it hammer and tongs. No words were minced. The big HE highbinder was ripped open fore and aft by Attorney Wupperman, who appeared for Sanguinetti and Ewing. The whole scheme was laid bare, not only by Attorney Wupperman, but also by City Attorney Molloy, both of whom declared that such a thing as referring a measure that had already been referred to the vote of the people was never heard of before. And so the council viewed it, for the whole subject matter was wholly ignored, thrown into the waste basket, and otherwise trampled upon as it very justly should have been.

This little play upon the part of the big HE highbinder only shows to what straits he is now driven. He has had an absolute monopoly of the public utilities of Yuma for so long that he thinks he owns the city body and soul. He is not content with gouging the very eye-balls out of the people on rates, but he is trying in every way possible to perpetuate his infamous graft. The council very sensibly saw it was time to call a halt. They took the big HE highbinder by the nape of the neck and the seat of the pants and threw him bodily out of the city council. They told him to go to the people with his wails. If the people can be bullied into defeating the Sanguinetti-Ewing franchise the big HE highbinder will have to continue to have an absolute monopoly of all public utilities in Yuma, but if they vote FOR the Sanguinetti-Ewing franchise, which they should do in self defence, the BACK-BONE of the HE highbinder will be broken, for we will then have an independent company here that agrees to give the city all the electric "juice" it needs at actual cost.

Score one more knock-out for the people. Give the council due credit for once more having heeded the voice of the people. Mark down one more blank line against the big HE highbinder of Los Angeles, who will now probably seek to enjoin the city clerk from placing the Sanguinetti-Ewing ordinance on the ballot. If he does this the limit of patience will have been reached, and for all the crimes he has committed in Yuma in the last year he ought to spend a year in jail for each crime, which would keep him there until he rots.

Goodbye old HE highbinder. My advice is that you put a fair price on your old traps and let the city take them over.

God's foot-stool can you find land that will produce forty fifty or sixty bushels of wheat or barley per acre and then during the same year produce two or three tons of milo maize with an additional ten or twelve tons of forage? Yuma Valley is the only place in all the world that can lay claim to all these things and still not be boasting.

When you come to think that all of these phenomena crops are grown on lands that are retailing at about \$50 per acre for wild lands and \$100 to \$200 per acre for highly cultivated lands it seems more like a dream than an ac-

TRAITORS MASKING UNDER THE GUISE OF "PEOPLES COUNCIL OF AMERICA"

An unsigned "press matter", purporting to come from the "Peoples Council of America", 2 West 13th St., New York City, has been received by the editor of the ARIZONA SENTINEL. It has been read most carefully and the candid opinion of the editor of this paper is that every member of that organization ought to be put in jail, including such men as David Starr Jordan, once president of the Stanford University of California, Lindley M. Keasby of the University of Texas, H. W. L. Dana of the Columbia University, Crystal Eastman of the American Union against Militarism, Mrs. Herbert Parsons, N. Y., (sister-in-law of the Anarchist hanged in Chicago,) John Tucker, the editor of the Christian Socialist, and about fifty others of the same calibre of disloyal nincompoops who are alleged to be members of the organization sending out this "press matter."

The document is unsigned. It merely states that the above named individuals, with others, are members of the organization that proposes to force the United States to declare in advance what its terms of peace are—in other words it appears to the editor of this paper that the individuals (in justice to American MANHOOD and WOMANHOOD they cannot be called MEN and WOMEN) whose names appear as members of this organization are nothing but the PAID HIRELINGS of Germany. Their sale object seems to be to discredit this Government, to create strife among our loyal American citizens, to get this country into such turmoil that it will convince the German people that America is not in favor of the present war. That seems to be the ONLY object sought by the scoundrels whose names are appended to the membership list of this disloyal organization. If they are not scoundrels, dastards, and traitors their names would never appear on the membership rolls of that unpatriotic organization. It will well be remembered that Prof. David Starr Jordan, once the idol of the University of California, was hooted out of Baltimore, run out of Washington, rotten-egged out of El Paso, and otherwise treated as he deserved in various cities of the country for his disloyal remarks just before the "conscription" law was enacted. He is now associated with a lot of "red flaggers" bent upon repealing the "conscription" law, and the sooner he and all his anarchistic followers are locked up in jail the better for the country.

We are at war with a most powerful and resourceful nation. The whys and wherefores are not NOW to be considered. We are at war. That ought to be enough for every American citizen to know. Right or wrong, my country all the time. That's the way it is in Germany. Our Socialist friends here, some of them at least, are most violently opposed to this war, and yet in Germany EVERY SOCIALIST is fighting side by side with the German Kaiser. They have laid aside their differences with the German government and agreed to fight it out to the bitter end, while the Socialists of this country, or at least a goodly portion of them, are not content unless they can put a stone in the path of Uncle Sam's progress. But it won't work. We are in this war to win, just as we have won every war we ever engaged in, and WE ARE GOING TO WIN, despite Traitor David Starr Jordan and all his following traitors. Put that in your pipe and smoke it.

I repeat what I said in the beginning and that is that every man and woman who belongs to this traitorous organization should be put behind the prison bars, or else taken out and hanged.

Real reality. Back in the middle states corn and wheat lands sell for \$125 to \$200 per acre, and the owner is lucky indeed if he raises 20 bushels of wheat or 50 bushels of corn per acre. "Away down South" where cotton is the chief industry, the cotton planter is well satisfied when he gets an average of one-third of a bale of cotton per acre. How does that compare with Yuma Valley? The difference can be likened to a \$450 fiver with a \$5,000 touring car.

Up on the northern U. S. Reclamation projects, where the "water" right has cost them all the way from \$60 to \$125 per acre they have a "growing season" of but a few months, never long enough to harvest more than three crops of alfalfa, while in Yuma Valley we have a "growing season" of every day in the year, with a temperature in the "good old summer time" mild enough to make a "hot house" look like a dirty deuce in a new deck. We do not have to depend upon Heaven's tears to make our crops grow. All we have to do is to open the gates of our unsurpassed irrigating system and get the best irrigating water in all the world in any quantity we like.

Yuma Valley is indeed the garden spot of the world.